

100 YEARS AGO!

Life in Bampton: September 1921

with thanks to Russ Davies

Described as the Lord of the Manor of Clayhanger, near Bampton, William Williams, a farmer, was fined 10s at Taunton Police Court for being drunk in Bridge Street on the 10th inst. Defendant's explanation was that he had bought some strong tobacco and cigars, which he had been unaccustomed to smoke, and that this affected his nerves. He denied being drunk, and was certainly not incapable.

The Exeter Diocesan Architectural and Archaeological Society visited Bampton. The members ascended the mote, where a highly interesting description was given by the Rev. C. Sherwin, Rector of Clyst Hydon. He pointed out that, although so often attributed to the Danes, these mounds were Norman constructions, proof of which was afforded from the Bayeux Tapestry.

A dance was held in Bampton Drill Hall for the purpose of raising funds to purchase instruments for the Bampton Brass Band. There was a goodly company present. The brass band supplied the music under ex-Sergt.-Major Bawden.

A harvest home was held in "King's Close," Bampton. in ideal weather, commencing with a short service, conducted Rev. E. V. Cox, followed by an excellent programme of sports, under Major Read (Castle Grove) and the Vicar, assisted by Mr. Row and others. There were other amusements on the ground. A tea was held, and a goodly number sat down. The day concluded with a well attended dance in the Drill Hall. The net proceeds will go towards the Church Restoration Fund.